

Mr. Speaker, it is never easy to lose a colleague or a friend. But, our grief is overshadowed by those that knew WALTER on a more personal level. It is my sincere wish that his wonderful wife Lois, and his children Todd, Lisa, and Laura, take solace in the knowledge that WALTER was so highly respected and revered by his peers. Today's outpouring of emotion on the House floor accurately reflects the high esteem with which WALTER was held.

WALTER will be missed by this body, and he will be missed by a county seeking the values and commitment to civility he so fully represented. While only here in Congress a short while, I know that WALTER CAPPS has made a lasting impression upon us all.

Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my shock and profound sadness at the sudden passing of our friend and colleague, WALTER CAPPS. I send my most sincere condolences to WALTER's family and I wish to let them know that he will be missed and fondly remembered.

Like many of us here, I came to know WALTER when he decided to run for office in the 1994 elections. Even before meeting him during the campaign, word traveled from California to Washington that a respected professor and an exciting man wanted to represent the people of Santa Barbara in Congress. We were told that he was smart, compassionate, and would fight hard for his beliefs and his community.

Advance praise for WALTER CAPPS was not undeserved. My only regret was that we did not have more time to work together and to become better friends. Some of my most recent memories of WALTER include standing together on the steps of the Capitol one sunny day this month demanding a vote on campaign finance reform. And, one day while walking across the street to vote on another matter, WALTER and I discussed the brewing controversy over the future of the ranch in Santa Barbara owned by the Reagans.

WALTER was well versed in matters both local and national and I believe he would have been one of our great Members of Congress had he only had the chance.

WALTER, I will miss you. We will all miss you. I am proud to have known you and to have served with you and I will do my part to see that your dreams for our country are realized.

Ms. HARMAN. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in paying respect to the memory of WALTER CAPPS.

WALTER was an especially decent man, one of the few freshmen to make an immediate impact upon arrival. That impact was based on a strong sense of moral purpose and a grounding in the belief that Congress could solve problems without resorting to partisanship or one-ups-manship. With WALTER's sudden passing yesterday, a bright light has gone out.

Mr. Speaker, we are fortunate to have had WALTER here in Congress, even for a brief time. Sidney and I express our deepest sympathies to his wife, Lois, and the Capps family.

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, I yield back any time I may have remaining.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HOBSON). Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the resolution.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid upon the table.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 days to revise and extend their remarks in the RECORD referencing the passing of our friend, the gentleman from California [Mr. CAPPS].

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will now entertain 1-minutes.

#### PRESIDENT CLINTON MEETS WITH PRESIDENT JIANG ZEMIN OF CHINA

(Mr. DELAY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, as I speak, the President of the United States is meeting with President Jiang of China. The people of the United States and the people of China share many interests and hopes for their futures.

I voted for MFN because I believe that trade is one way we can influence the people of China to force their Government to give up its authoritarian ways. But as the President of China meets with the President of the United States, one message must be sent loud and clear: That the United States will not condone China's persecution of people for their religious and political beliefs.

I am especially appalled by the treatment of Pastor Xu Yongze, who has been tortured and unjustly imprisoned simply because of his religious beliefs. Pasture Xu is a widely respected, mainstream pastor, often called the Billy Graham of China. He does not deserve this kind of treatment.

So I urge President Clinton, Mr. Speaker, to convey this simple message to the President of China: If China wants to be a respected nation in the world, it must give up its persecution of innocent people who simply want a chance to practice their religion in peace.

#### COMMUNIST CHINA SHOULD FREE RELIGIOUS PRISONERS

(Mr. CHABOT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, in an apparent effort to illustrate its commitment to human rights during President Jiang Zemin's visit to the United

States, the Communist Chinese Government just released a Roman Catholic bishop from prison. My question is this: What the heck was a Roman Catholic bishop doing in prison in the first place?

The answer, of course, is that Bishop Su is a priest in what is known as the underground church, a church that does not take its orders from a Chinese dictatorship.

I hope that between the champagne toast over at the White House, President Clinton does not forget to remind his guests that Communist China still has a long way to go when it comes to religious freedom, and that if the dictatorship wants our Government to take them seriously, they will open the prison doors and release all those believers they have jailed because they dared to practice their faith.

Mr. Speaker, China and the world is watching.

#### TRIBUTE TO REPRESENTATIVE WALTER CAPPS

(Mr. BECERRA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, I wanted to add my words on behalf of a friend and someone who unfortunately has left us, Mr. WALTER CAPPS.

WALTER, as most folks also remember, ran earlier in 1994 for election and did not win. He barely lost. And in 1996 he did win. I attribute his first loss to the fact that he did not run as a politician. I attribute his win the second time because folks finally had a chance to see shining through the real qualities of this gentleman. He came up here to serve, and he came up here as Mr. Smith in that movie came up here to serve, and it is unfortunate that he is gone.

Most folks do not recognize, as well, that a year and a half ago WALTER nearly lost his life in a car accident that almost took his wife's life, as well. He survived that, and I felt the Lord kept him here for a reason. Perhaps now, with his death, maybe he did; maybe he now wants us to take a look at not just what it means to live, but also what it means to die.

I am very saddened to lose a friend, WALTER CAPPS. I think this whole institution is saddened. Unfortunately, the American people, as they did not know about his near fatal car accident, as they did not know about his first loss, probably did not get enough time to know this man, who would have been a unique and essential man to the Congress of the United States. I extend my condolences to his family.

#### ON ISSUE 2 IN STATE OF OHIO

(Mr. KUCINICH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, there is an issue in the State of Ohio which I